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Federal Communications Commisison

Re: CC Docket 99-200

Dear Sirs:

I understand that you are now considering an overlay area code for the 310 area code which would encompass wireless telephones, modems and faxes. While I feel that a technology specific overlay area code is a reasonable choice in helping with the problem of decreased availability of numbers I am not happy with the plan as reported in my local newspaper.

1. The area code overlay should be for new numbers only. It should be optional for anyone currently having a phone.
2. The area code overlay should cover the entire metropolitan LA area and should be required to be considered a local call rather than a toll call from any phone within the metropolitan area. The telephone companies should not be allowed to charge extra for calls to mobile phones.
3. Pagers should be included in the requirement for being involved in the overlays. These are a major factor in decreasing availability of numbers since previously one call in number and a minimal number of roll over numbers, followed by entering a pager number was the system used for paging. Now, almost all pagers have an individual phone number.
4. Having a separate area code for modems and faxes is going to be cumbersome to administer since most people share this function with second phone voice lines. The overlay should be for mobile phones and pagers only.
5. Under no circumstances should 10 digit dialing be required for local calls. There is no reason that people should be required to dial 4 additional digits (area code plus 1) to dial a local number in the same area code.
6. Should you not accept the 7 digit dialing mentioned in number 5, I feel you should consider making the phone companies accept true 10 digit dialing without the need for an added 1 in areas where this is required. There is no real need for a digit to signify an area code is coming next if an area code is mandated for all calls.

Sincerely,

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